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SUBJECT: GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL AND GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE MEDAL—IMPLEMENTING INSTRUCTIONS

A. AR 600-8-22, MILITARY AWARDS, DATED 25 FEB 95.

B. DOD 1348-33, MANUAL OF MILITARY DECORATIONS AND AWARDS.

C. EXECUTIVE ORDER 13289, 12 MAR 03.

1. REFERENCE C ESTABLISHED TWO NEW MEDALS FOR SERVICE IN THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM. THEY ARE THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL AND THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE MEDAL. THESE MEDALS WILL BE AWARDED TO RECOGNIZE ALL MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES SERVING IN OR IN SUPPORT OF GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM OPERATIONS, ON OR AFTER 11 SEP 01 TO A DATE TO BE DETERMINED.

2. SOLDIERS MAY RECEIVE BOTH THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL (GWOTEM) AND THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE MEDAL (GWOTSM) IF THEY MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF BOTH AWARDS; HOWEVER, THE SAME PERIOD OF SERVICE ESTABLISHING ELIGIBILITY FOR ONE CANNOT BE USED TO JUSTIFY SERVICE ELIGIBILITY FOR THE OTHER.

3. IMPLEMENTING CRITERIA.

A. GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL (GWOTEM):

(1) AUTHORIZED TO BE AWARDED TO SOLDIERS WHO DEPLOY ABROAD FOR SERVICE IN THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM OPERATIONS ON OR AFTER 11 SEP 01 TO A DATE TO BE DETERMINED.

(2) INITIAL AWARD IS LIMITED TO SOLDIERS DEPLOYED ABROAD IN OPERATIONS ENDURING FREEDOM AND IRAQI FREEDOM IN THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE DESIGNATED SPECIFIC GEOGRAPHIC AREAS OF ELIGIBILITY (AOE): AFGHANISTAN, BAHRAIN, BULGARIA (BOURGAS), CRETE,

CYPRUS, DIEGO GARCIA, DJIBOUTI, EGYPT, ERITREA, ETHIOPIA, IRAN, IRAQ, ISRAEL, JORDAN, KAZAKHSTAN, KENYA, KUWAIT, KYRGYZSTAN, LEBANON, OMAN, PAKISTAN, PHILIPPINES, QATAR, ROMANIA (CONSTANTA), SAUDIA ARABIA, SOMALIA, SYRIA, TAJIKISTAN, TURKEY (EAST OF 35 DEGREES EAST LATITUDE), TURKMENISTAN, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, UZBEKISTAN, YEMEN, THAT PORTION OF THE ARABIAN SEA NORTH OF 10 DEGREES NORTH LATITUDE AND WEST OF 68 DEGREES LONGITUDE, BAB EL MANDEB, GULF OF ADEN, GULF OF AQABA, GULF OF OMAN, GULF OF SUEZ, THAT PORTION OF THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA EAST OF 28 DEGREES EAST LONGITUDE, PERSIAN GULF, RED SEA, STRAIT OF HORMUZ, AND SUEZ CANAL.

(3) TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE GWOTEM A SOLDIER MUST BE ASSIGNED, ATTACHED OR MOBILIZED TO A UNIT PARTICIPATING IN DESIGNATED OPERATIONS FOR 30 CONSECUTIVE DAYS OR FOR 60 NONCONSECUTIVE DAYS IN THE AOE, OR MEET ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

(A) BE ENGAGED IN ACTUAL COMBAT AGAINST THE ENEMY AND UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES INVOLVING GRAVE DANGER OF DEATH OR SERIOUS BODILY INJURY FROM ENEMY ACTION, REGARDLESS, OF TIME IN THE AOE.

(B) WHILE PARTICIPATING IN THE DESIGNATED OPERATION, REGARDLESS OF TIME, IS KILLED OR WOUNDED/INJURED REQUIRING MEDICAL EVACUATION FROM THE AOE.

(C) SOLDIERS PARTICIPATING AS A REGULARLY ASSIGNED AIR CREW MEMBER FLYING SORTIES INTO, OUT OF, WITHIN, OR OVER THE AOE IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS ENDURING FREEDOM AND/OR IRAQI FREEDOM. EACH DAY THAT ONE OR MORE SORTIES ARE FLOWN IAW THE CRITERIA SHALL COUNT AS ONE DAY TOWARDS THE 30 CONSECUTIVE OR 60 NONCONSECUTIVE DAY REQUIREMENT.

(4) UNDER NO CONDITION WILL ANY SOLDIERS IN THE UNITED STATES RECEIVE THE GWOTEM. ONLY SOLDIERS SERVING IN AN OPERATIONALLY DEPLOYED STATUS WITHIN THE AOE ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE GWOTEM.

B. GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE MEDAL (GWOTSM):

(1) AUTHORIZED TO BE AWARDED TO SOLDIERS WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN OR SERVED IN SUPPORT OF GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM OPERATIONS OUTSIDE THE DESIGNATED AOE AS OUTLINED IN PARA 3A(2) ABOVE, ON OR AFTER 11 SEP 01 TO A DATE TO BE DETERMINED.

(2) INITIAL AWARD OF THE GWOTSM WILL BE LIMITED TO AIRPORT SECURITY OPERATIONS (FROM 27 SEP 01 THROUGH 31 MAY 02) AND SOLDIERS WHO SUPPORTED OPERATIONS NOBLE EAGLE, ENDURING FREEDOM, AND IRAQI FREEDOM.

(3) ALL SOLDIERS ON ACTIVE DUTY, INCLUDING RESERVE COMPONENT SOLDIERS MOBILIZED, OR NATIONAL GUARD SOLDIERS ACTIVATED ON OR AFTER 11 SEP 01 TO A DATE TO BE DETERMINED HAVING SERVED 30

CONSECUTIVE DAYS OR FOR 60 NONCONSECUTIVE DAYS ARE AUTHORIZED THE GWOTSM.

4. BOTH GWOT MEDALS MAY BE AWARDED POSTHUMOUSLY TO ANY SOLDIER WHO LOST HIS/HER LIFE WHILE, OR AS A DIRECT RESULT OF, PARTICIPATING IN GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM OPERATIONS, WITHOUT REGARD TO LENGTH OF SUCH SERVICE, IF OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE.

5. ONLY ONE AWARD OF THE GWOTEM AND THE GWOTSM MAY BE AUTHORIZED FOR ANY INDIVIDUAL. A MESSAGE WILL BE TRANSMITTED AT A LATER DATE TO ADDRESS BATTLE STARS/SERVICE STARS.

6. IN ORDER OF PRECEDENCE THE GWOTEM WILL BE WORN BEFORE THE GWOTSM AND BOTH SHALL DIRECTLY FOLLOW THE KOSOVO CAMPAIGN MEDAL (KCM) (I.E. KCM, GWOTEM, GWOTSM, KDSM, ETC.).

7. EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, BATTALION COMMANDERS AND COMMANDERS OF SEPARATE UNITS ARE AUTHORIZED TO AWARD THE GWOTEM AND THE GWOTSM TO QUALIFIED PERSONNEL. PERMANENT ORDERS ARE NOT, REPEAT, ARE NOT REQUIRED. MILITARY PERSONNEL DIVISIONS/PERSONNEL SERVICE COMPANIES (MPD/PSC) WILL UPDATE PERSONNEL QUALIFICATION RECORDS USING THIS MESSAGE AS AUTHORITY. ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(A) USA HRC - ALEXANDRIA WILL COMPLETE A ONE-TIME TOP LOAD TO PERSONNEL SYSTEMS TO ADD THE GWOTSM TO ALL ACTIVE DUTY AND MOBILIZED RESERVE COMPONENT SOLDIERS' PERSONNEL RECORDS AS OF 9 MAR 04. SOLDIERS WHO QUALIFY FOR AWARD OF THE GWOTSM 10 MAR 04 AND AFTER WILL HAVE THEIR RECORDS UPDATED BY THEIR SERVICING MPD/PSC. THE GWOTEM WILL NOT BE, REPEAT, WILL NOT BE TOP LOADED.

(B) AUTHORIZED ABBREVIATIONS USED TO ANNOTATE SECTION VIII OF THE ORB AND ITEM 9 OF THE DA FORM 2-1, AND SUBMISSIONS CODES TO UPDATE THE OMPF ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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GWOTSM	TS	GWOTSM

8. MEMBERS OF THE ARMY RESERVE AND NATIONAL GUARD SHOULD CONTACT THEIR CURRENT RECORDS MANAGER TO VALIDATE THE WEAR OF THE AWARDS AND CONFIRM THEIR RECORDS REFLECT THE AWARDS.

9. IAW PARA 5-4, REF A, THE OVERSEAS SERVICE RIBBON (OSR) IS AUTHORIZED FOR AWARD TO SOLDIERS UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF OVERSEAS TOURS AS PRESCRIBED BY AR 614-30, AS LONG AS THAT TOUR WAS NOT RECOGNIZED WITH THE AWARD OF ANOTHER U.S. SERVICE/ CAMPAIGN MEDAL. AWARD OF THE GWOTEM OR/AND GWOTSM AS DEFINED ABOVE DOES NOT PRECLUDE AWARD OF THE OSR FOR COMPLETION OF A

NORMAL OVERSEAS TOURS. (FOR EXAMPLE, SOLDIERS WHO PCS'D TO GERMANY FOR EITHER A 36 MONTH (WITH DEPENDENT) OR 24 MONTH (WITH OUT DEPENDENT) RESTRICTED TOUR IAW AR 614-30 WHO DURING THEIR TOUR DEPLOYED TO IRAQ IN SUPPORT OF OIF WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE GWOTEM (FOR SERVICE IN IRAQ) AND THE OSR (FOR COMPLETION OF THEIR OVERSEAS TOUR). IF THE SAME SOLDIER UPON HIS RETURN TO GERMANY FROM IRAQ THEN SERVED IN SUPPORT OF OEF OR OIF WHILE AT HIS OR HER HOMEBASE STATION, HE OR SHE WOULD ALSO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE GWOTSM.) A MESSAGE WILL BE TRANSMITTED AT A LATER DATE TO ADDRESS FUTURE CHANGES TO THE OSR.

10. IAW PARAGRAPH 1-44, REF A, COMMANDERS MAY SUBMIT REQUISITIONS FOR AVAILABLE MEDALS THROUGH NORMAL SUPPLY CHANNELS. MEDALS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR REQUISITION IN THE SUPPLY SYSTEM.

GWOTEM	8455-01-506-7144
GWOTSM	8455-01-506-7170

11. APPROPRIATE ENTRY WILL BE MADE ON THE DD FORM 214 (ITEM 13) TO ADD AWARD OF THE GWOTEM AND/OR THE GWOTSM.

12. REQUESTS FOR AWARD OF THE GWOTEM AND/OR GWOTSM TO VETERANS, RETIREES, OR THEIR NEXT OF KIN.

A. SOLDIERS WHO RETIRED OR WERE DISCHARGED IN THE PAST 90 TO 120 DAYS WILL SUBMIT REQUEST FOR AWARD OF THE GWOT MEDALS TO COMMANDER, U.S. ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND, ATTN: AHRC-PDO-PA, 200 STOVALL STREET, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22332-0471. REQUESTS SHOULD INCLUDE A COPY OF THE DD FORM 214 AND ANY SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO SUBSTANTIATE SERVICE. THE GWOT MEDAL(S) WILL BE ADDED TO THE DD FORM 214 BY ISSUANCE OF A DD FORM 215 (CORRECTION TO DD FORM 214, CERTIFICATE OF RELEASE OR DISCHARGE FROM ACTIVE DUTY).

B. SOLDIERS WHO RETIRED OR WERE DISCHARGED OVER 120 DAYS WILL SUBMIT THEIR REQUEST TO THE NATIONAL PERSONNEL RECORDS CENTER (NPRC), WWW.ARCHIVES.GOV, IN ST. LOUIS, MO. NPRC'S ADDRESS IS NATIONAL PERSONNEL RECORDS CENTER, 9700 PAGE AVENUE, ST. LOUIS, MO 63132-5100. REQUESTS SHOULD INCLUDE A COPY OF THE DD FORM 214 AND ANY SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION TO SUBSTANTIATE SERVICE AS OUTLINED IN PARAS 3A AND 3B ABOVE. NPRC WILL ADD THE AUTHORIZED GWOT MEDAL(S) TO THE DD FORM 214 BY ISSUING A DD FORM 215 (CORRECTION TO DD FORM 214, CERTIFICATE OF RELEASE OR DISCHARGE FROM ACTIVE DUTY).

13. QUESTIONS REFERENCE THIS MESSAGE CAN BE SENT TO THE MILITARY AWARDS BRANCH EMAIL AT AWARDS@HOFFMAN.ARMY.MIL.